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apply.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

By direction of the President, and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 10006 relating to proposed Executive orders and proclamations, there are forwarded herewith the following documents which are designed to accomplish the recommendations contained in Ch. VII of the report of the President's Committee on International Information Activities.

1. A proposed Executive order, prepared in the Executive Office of the President, entitled "Executive Order Establishing the Operations Coordinating Board." It is proposed that the Executive order be issued as an unclassified document.
2. A draft of Presidential directive to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.

The Bureau of the Budget has been directed to expedite this matter and accordingly would appreciate receiving an expression of your views with respect to these documents not later than the close of business Friday, July 17, 1953.

Inquiries concerning the foregoing and your reply may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,



William F. Finan  
Assistant Director for  
Management and Organization

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence  
Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

I have signed today Executive Order \_\_\_\_\_ establish-  
ing the Operations Coordinating Board and abolishing the Psychological  
Strategy Board.

Supplementary to that Executive Order, I hereby direct  
that the necessary classified actions be taken to accomplish the  
following:

Additional Functions of the Operations Coordinating Board.

The following are assigned as additional functions of the Operations  
Coordinating Board:

a. The functions of the Psychological Strategy Board  
assigned in paragraphs 2 and 3 of NSC 10/5 approved October  
23, 1951.

b. The functions of the Consultants Group established  
pursuant to NSC 10/2 approved June 18, 1948.

c. The functions of the Psychological Operations Coordi-  
nating Committee established pursuant to NSC 59/1 approved  
March 9, 1950, as modified by the President's directive of  
April 4, 1951 directing the establishment of the Psychological  
Strategy Board.

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[redacted] Responsibility for the sup-  
port [redacted] is transferred from the Central  
Intelligence Agency to the Department of Defense.

Other.

a. The President's directive of April 4, 1951,  
directing the establishment of the Psychological Strategy  
Board, is rescinded.

b. The Consultants Group referred to above is to be  
abolished.

c. The Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee  
referred to above is to be abolished.

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**ESTABLISHING THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes, and as President of the United States, and pursuant to the authority conferred by and subject to the provisions of section 214 of the Act of May 3, 1945, 59 Stat. 134 (31 U.S.C. 691), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established the Operations Coordinating Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board. The Board shall be composed of the Under Secretary of State, who shall be the Chairman of the Board, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and a Special Assistant to the President designated by the President. The Board shall report to the National Security Council and shall be deemed to be an agency within the structure of the National Security Council.

Section 2. The Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs may attend any meeting of the Board. The Director of the United States Information Agency (provided for in Reorganization Plan No. 8 of 1953) shall advise the Board as the Board may request. The Board shall invite the said Director, and appropriate

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representatives of other Federal departments and agencies to attend meetings of the Board when the subjects under discussion bear directly upon the responsibilities of the said agency, department, or agency, respectively.

Section 3. (a) The National Security Council having recommended a national security policy, the President having approved it, and the President having assigned to the Board the principal responsibilities for the execution of such policy, the Board shall:

(1) coordinate the development by the departments and agencies of detailed operational plans to carry out the approved policy, (2) assure the timely and coordinated carrying out of such plans, (3) initiate new proposals for action within the framework of national security policies in response to opportunity and changes in the situation, and (4) assure that each project or action is so executed as to make its full contribution to the particular climate of opinion the United States is seeking to achieve in the world.

(b) In carrying out the duties set forth in section 3(a) hereof, the Board shall assign detailed operational planning responsibilities to the departments and agencies; examine the resulting plans for adequacy and for consistency with national security policy and with each other; coordinate and follow up on the execution of such plans; and from time to time make progress reports to the National Security Council.

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(c) The Board shall perform such other functions as the President may from time to time assign to it.

Section 4. There shall be under the Board an executive officer thereof with the title "Executive Director," who shall be appointed by the President, and who shall receive such compensation as is authorized or permitted by law, but in no event at a rate in excess of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per annum. The Executive Director shall: (1) determine the agenda for and present material for discussion at Board meetings, subject to the approval of the Chairman, (2) supervise the work of the staff of the Board, (3) maintain the flow of work to the Board, the standards of presentation, and the quality of the staff work, (4) insure, in the name of the Board, that its decisions are put into effect, (5) in the event of a lack of progress in carrying out a responsibility that has been assigned to the Board, bring the matter to the attention of the National Security Council, after consultation with the Board, with recommendations for appropriate action, (6) prepare for the consideration of the Board reports to the National Security Council, (7) maintain liaison with the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs in order to insure coordination of the Board's work with the activities of the National Security Council, (8) appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, necessary employees of the Board, and (9) perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time direct.

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Section 5. Consonant with law, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Foreign Operations Administration, and the Central Intelligence Agency shall, as may be necessary for the purpose of effectuating this order, furnish assistance to the Board in accordance with section 214 of the Act of May 3, 1945, 59 Stat. 134 (31 U.S.C. 691).

Section 6. The Psychological Strategy Board shall be abolished not later than sixty days after the date of this order and its outstanding affairs shall be wound up by the Operations Coordinating Board.

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